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### "I'LL COME HOME," MISSING SCHOOLGIRL CRIES OVER PHONE

Located by Uncle in Y. W. C. A. Home in Chicago, Where She Was Taken by Agent Upon Alighting From New York Train.

### RUNAWAY HID IDENTITY, SAID PARENTS WERE DEAD

"I Will Tell You All When You Come for Me!" She Sobs When Her Father Calls.

By Long-Distance Telephone to The Evening World.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Florence Barbara Lawlor, the sixteen-year-old daughter of George H. Lawlor, a wealthy druggist of 5619 Fifteenth avenue, Borough Park, who disappeared from her home last Monday morning, when she left her house presumably to go to the Girls' High School, where she was a third-year pupil, is here in the Y. W. C. A. home at No. 830 Michigan Boulevard, South.

Miss Lawlor gave her name as Lawrence and does not know now that her identity has been discovered, and that her uncle, B. R. Hedger of Columbus, O., is on his way here to take her to his home until her parents can come for her.

Miss Wilhelmina Barr, secretary of the Y. W. C. A. home, has kept the girl from the least suspicion that her identity is known, and does not intend to let her know it until her uncle arrives.

"I am afraid she would try to run away from me," said Miss Barr. "We found her at the La Salle street railroad station at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when she alighted from a train from New York. She carried no baggage, not even a small satchel, and, of course, attracted the instant attention of one of the young women employed by us to frequent the railroad station and known as travelling sales."

GIRL TOLD WOMAN SHE WAS AN ORPHAN.

"This young woman questioned her and Miss Lawlor said at once and with a readiness which might have been calculated to disarm suspicion that her name was Miss Lawrence, that she was an orphan whose parents had died recently.

"She said she had come to Chicago in search of work and had spent almost all her money to get here. She was invited to make her home with us. We should practically have compelled her to do so if she had refused, for it was evident that she was a runaway, and we didn't let her suspect we knew and we made her comfortable here.

### Father Talks to Girl Over Long Distance

For the first time since his daughter left their home last Monday morning, George H. Lawlor talked this afternoon with sixteen-year-old Florence. They conversed over the long-distance phone. From the time the first message came to him from his brother-in-law, B. R. Hedger, a lawyer of Columbus, O., that Florence was in the Y. W. C. A. home in Chicago, Mr. Lawlor tried to get into communication with the home.

He telephoned to the home, getting Miss Wilhelmina Barr on the wire. She refused absolutely to let him communicate with the girl, first deeming that it was really the father on the other end of the wire, and then trying to persuade him that if he revealed to the girl that her identity was known

### "I'M GOING TO STAY AS LONG AS I LIVE," SAYS C. F. MURPHY

Quite a Joke That About His Intended Retirement From Tammany.

IT MAKES 'EM LAUGH.

And Inspires Big Tom Foley to Soliloquize on What a Big "Rube" Town This Is.

"I am going to stay here as long as I live," said Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, to-day when asked if there was any truth in the report that he was going to get out of the political game altogether as soon as the next primaries were over. The leader of Tammany Hall appears just as calm as usual. His friends say he will from now on have to face all sorts of intrigues to force him to retire.

"You say you are going to remain here as long as you live?" suggested one of Mr. Murphy's interviewers. "That's pretty strong, isn't it?"

"Yes, it's pretty strong, and I mean every word of it," replied Murphy. Tom Foley was one of the first callers at Tammany Hall to-day. He went there to assure his Chief that so far as the district leaders were concerned there was absolutely nothing to the report, and that they were in no way responsible for his circulation.

"I came to tell the Boss that the stories about his retirement are a pure fake," said Foley. "Some people might think that the leaders inspired that yarn. Nothing to it."

MR. FOLEY RISES TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS.

Then Big Tom drew reminiscent. "This is a great town," he said. "In fact it is the greatest rube town on earth. You might fall as a reformer or a fakir or almost anything anywhere and that fact alone qualifies you for greater things in New York."

"Some of the biggest failures elsewhere are the biggest men here—at least they are so greeted. Many of the men who have jobs in this town have to take a city map on their laps on the elevated or subway night after night to find their way home."

Referring to Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone, who is one of the leaders in the fight against Tammany Hall under Charles F. Murphy, Foley said: "Malone is an upstart who is not it to blacken Charles Murphy's boots. The so-called triumvirate is a damnable lie. That is the only way to characterize it. Murphy is leader and he is going to remain leader as long as he will. Watch this fight to the finish and see who comes out on top."

The leaders who are with Murphy have been born and brought up in the districts in which they work. I'll stake them any day against the outside failures—the carpet baggers who would reform New York according to their own ideas of reform."

"WHY, WHAT CAN I DO?" ASKS MAYOR MITCHELL.

"Aren't you going to do anything to prevent Mr. Murphy from remaining as leader of Tammany Hall?" Mayor Mitchell was asked.

"What can I do, throw him out?" said the Mayor. "Why, I am not even a member of the organization."

Thomas Smith, Secretary of Tammany Hall, thought the rumor of Murphy's retirement the latest joke of the season.

"The men who inspired that yarn," said Smith, "show that they must have just arrived from somewhere in the far East or the far West. They don't belong to Manhattan—and what's more, they don't know Charles F. Murphy. Imagine Murphy retiring under fire. I've never heard of an Irishman quitting."

There were tears in Mr. Lawlor's eyes; his hand shook so he could scarcely hold the receiver and his

WINTER CRISIS  
In Bermuda, the President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, is expected to spend the winter. He will be accompanied by his family and a large staff. The weather is expected to be very pleasant.

### "DAMNED LIAR," SAID PECK TO C. GORDON REEL IN ROW OVER HIGHWAY CONTRACTS

Superintendent of Public Works on Witness Stand Before Osborne.

HE ADMITS BIG WASTE.

Declares Contracts Involving \$3,000,000 Were Let on the Say-So of Reel.

By Samuel M. Williams (Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—On the witness stand to-day before James W. Osborne, Gov. of New York, Superintendent of Public Works, declared that he called C. Gordon Reel, former Highway Commissioner, a "damned liar" in a row over the approval of highway contracts. The other member of the old Highway Commission was John A. Bessel, State Engineer.

Osborne has charged that the commission, with the aid of Foley, Reel's deputy, had illegally awarded 218 contracts, involving \$3,000,000. He has referred to Foley as a "rubber stamp."

Peck was the first witness and he immediately signed the waiver.

INVESTIGATOR AND PECK HAVE HEATED CONTROVERSIES.

The cross-examination of Peck was relentless and searching. Mr. Osborne and the witness were again engaged in heated personal controversy as the investigator sought to fasten on Peck responsibility for and knowledge of the road corruption. Under the sting of questions Peck revealed that the three Highway Commissioners had a falling out and now seek to throw responsibility on each other.

The climax of the quarrel came as the result of a board meeting Oct. 22, 1912, when the commission voted to approve in a bunch the 218 so-called graft repair contracts, amounting to \$3,000,000, that Deputy-Superintendent Foley is alleged to have passed out to favorites who, in return, contributed 5 per cent to the Democratic State Committee. The point at issue was whether Reel is responsible for the approval of these contracts. Peck and Bessel declare they voted blindly, relying on Reel, who said the contracts were all right and had his approval.

Reel declares he did not indorse the contracts, but that Peck and Bessel voted them on their own responsibility.

"We voted to approve the contracts when Reel handed them up with his approval," said Peck on the stand. "We relied on him because he was the man in charge. A few days later Reel sent me the minutes of the meeting for signature."

Trough some intuition I stopped to read them carefully. I noticed that the text of the resolution as we voted it had been changed. It did not contain the words 'as approved by the superintendent.'

SAYS HE CALLED REEL A DAMNED LIAR.

"Reel said that was the way the original resolution had been worded and we had voted it in that form. I told him he was a damned liar and used some other language that need not be repeated here. I refused to sign the minutes."

Bessel, according to the witness, sided with Peck and demanded that the text be made to state that the board had passed the contracts on Reel's recommendation. Reel refused and there was a deadlock. None of the three signed the minutes. They are now seeking to lay the burden of responsibility on each other be-

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### LAW AND ACTRESS, WITH PARACHUTES, JUMP OFF BRIDGE

Constance Bennett Goes First Off Williamsburg Structure and Lands in East River.

LAW HURT BY LEAP.

Police Pursued and Tried to Keep "Movie" People From Making Plunge.

Rodman Law, the parachute jumper made good this afternoon his expressed determination to jump from the Williamsburg Bridge into the East River. In his leap he followed Constance Bennett, a young woman employed by a moving picture concern. She, clad in a bathing suit, made the jump first, sailing gracefully down and striking the water unharmed. Law, however, is believed to have been injured. Just how seriously is not known.

Both jumpers made without panic, which Bridge Commissioner Knocks a few days ago refused to grant. At that time Law said he would jump anyhow when he got ready.

Both the man and the woman were picked up by a tug of the Daisell Towing line and hurried ashore, while the men who had aided in staging the sensational moving picture, every step of which was recorded by whirling, clicking movie cameras, made off at top speed in a big auto truck and a fast touring car. The police are looking for all concerned, but a charge of disorderly conduct is the only one that can be made against them.

POLICEMEN PURSUED AUTOS ON STREET CAR.

He was shortly after one o'clock that Patrolman Cornelius Platt, at the Manhattan end of the bridge, saw a big auto truck, marked with the name of a moving picture concern located in Fort Lee, followed by an auto in which sat four men and a woman, drive on to the structure. One of the men and the woman were huddled in tan rain coats.

Platt recalled that Law had declared he would jump from the bridge, so he boarded a trolley car, ordered the conductor to put on top speed and followed the two cars. But they reached the other end of the bridge far in advance of the policeman, who shouted to them to stop. They paid no attention, but looped the Williamsburg Plaza and then whizzed back again.

The policeman jumped on another car and chased them back to Manhattan again, but again they eluded him and shot out onto the bridge again. Platt changed cars some more, but again they circled the Williamsburg Plaza and raced back toward Manhattan with the cop on another trolley, still on their trail.

They stopped suddenly about 200 feet east of the Manhattan tower of the big bridge. The man and woman in raincoats jumped swiftly out of the touring car, while their companions

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SLIT TROUSERS ARE DUE NEXT SPRING, IS THE TIP

Will Be the Proper Thing With the Transparent Vest, Say the Masters of Fashion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The International Association of Custom Cutters, in convention assembled, to-day declared that slit trousers would come in with the robes this spring and the frock coat, popular since Victorian times, must go.

The cutters, who yesterday declared for transparent waistcoats and put the waistline up around the shoulders, will take the place of the frock coat, and that braid an inch wide will adorn the trousers of evening clothes.

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### HANS SCHMIDT, SLAYER OF ANNA AUMUELLER, FACES DEATH CHAIR

Priest Who Has Been Undergoing Ordeal of Second Trial Is Convicted of One of Most Remarkable Butcheries in City's History.

CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY AT 2.30 THIS AFTERNOON.

Expert Testimony as to the Sanity of the Accused Clergyman the Principal Feature of Both Trials.

The jury in the case of Hans Schmidt, the confessed slayer of Anna Aum Mueller, whose body he cut up and threw into the Hudson River, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree this evening.

The Court concluded the charge to the jury at 2.30 o'clock, but instructed the jurors to go to lunch before beginning to consider the evidence. Immediately upon returning from luncheon the jury took up the case.

The finding of the upper portion of a woman's body in the Hudson River, off Woodliffe, N. J., on Sept. 5 last year and the discovery a few days later of the lower parts of the body in a pillowcase on the streets at work on the murder mystery. After a week detectives under Inspector Faurot traced the pillow slip to the store of a second hand dealer, where it was learned that a man who gave the name of "A. Van Dyke" had purchased the slip. The purchaser gave his address as No. 68 Broadway avenue. This proved to be a small flat rented by Schmidt on Aug. 25.

Gaining entrance by the fire escape, the detectives found bloodstained garments about the room and in a few days they had traced, by means of an initialled handkerchief, the tenant of the flat. He proved to be Johannes Schmidt, a priest at St. Boniface's Church. At the return of this church they found that a girl named Anna Aum Mueller had worked.

When Schmidt was confronted with the evidence by the detectives, he confessed that he killed the girl and was immediately taken into custody. He feigned insanity for a time, but a jury of doctors decided that he was in his right mind.

The first jury which tried Schmidt disagreed after deliberating several days.

### KNEELS AS HE SHOOTS HIMSELF DEAD IN THE CHANCEL OF CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5.—On his knees in the chancel of Grace Church, John Ogden, former Town Treasurer of North Providence, drew a revolver and shot himself in the head to-day. He died almost instantly.

Before he approached the chancel Ogden had been sitting in a pew in the rear of the church writing in a book which he later handed to a deaconess. In the book were found notes to his wife and to the superintendent of a mill in which he had been employed as bookkeeper.

About a year ago Ogden was accused of irregularities in office as Town Treasurer, but was acquitted by the courts.

WILSON FOR THE REPEAL OF PANAMA FREE TOLLS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson announced to-day that he would use every legitimate influence at his disposal to have repealed the provision of the Panama Canal Act exempting American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls.

The President made it clear that he was unalterably opposed to the ex-

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Potomac ..... Rotterdam ..... 11 A.  
Panama ..... Genoa ..... 11 A.  
Hamburg ..... Hamburg ..... 11 A.  
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